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Milk Production in Pennsylvania Down 1.7 Percent in August

HARRISBURG, PA, September 18, 2008 - - Milk production in Pennsylvania during August 2008 totaled 871 million pounds, 1.7 percent below last August production of 886 million pounds, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (USDA/NASS). The number of milk cows in the state during the month averaged 548,000 head, up 2,000 head from July, and 2,000 less than August 2007.

Production per cow averaged 1,590 pounds in August, down 40 pounds from July's production per cow and 20 pounds less than August 2007 of 1,610 pounds.

Milk production in the 23 states surveyed during August 2008 totaled 14.5 billion pounds, up 1.5 percent compared to production in these same states during August 2007. July revised production, at 14.8 billion pounds, was up 1.8 percent from July 2007. The July revision represented an increase of 12 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

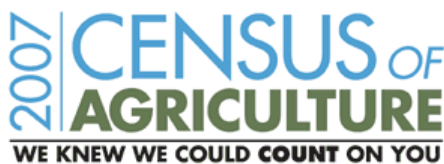
Production per cow in the 23 major states averaged 1,717 pounds for August, 2 pounds below August 2007.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major states was 8.47 million head, 137,000 head more than August 2007, but 3,000 head less than July 2008.

MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION

Item	Unit	Pennsylvania			23 States		
		August 2007	July 2008	August 2008	August 2007	July 2008	August 2008
Milk Cows	Thous.	550	546	548	8,330	8,470	8,467
Milk Per Cow	Lbs.	1,610	1,630	1,590	1,719	1,743	1,717
Milk Production	Mil. Lbs.	886	890	871	14,323	14,762	14,539

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